

A TAXONOMIC STUDY OF *ARISTIDA STRICTA* AND
ARISTIDA BEYRICHIANA; ADDENDUM¹

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I have discovered an additional isotype of *Aristida beyrichiana* Trinius & Ruprecht held at MO (2874410). The label includes the specific date and location of the collection, information lacking on the labels of the other known type material. The specimen comes from the Bernhardt Herbarium (see D'Arcy, 1971) and is mounted together with a collection of *Aristida stricta* Michaux, apparently collected by Nuttall. The label includes the initials CB, and J. M. Greenman annotated the collection as that of Charles Beyrich. This Beyrich collection has the same degree of spikelet immaturity as the isotypes in L and US. The label reads "6/1 33," which is consistent with the fact that Beyrich collected in the southeastern states only in 1833 (Sayre, 1975), and the June 1 date is consistent with the immaturity of the spikelets. The label indicates that the collection is from the area near Ebenezer. Presumably this is the Ebenezer located in Effingham County, Georgia, approximately 25 miles north of Savannah. The isotype in L indicates the type collection is from Georgia. Ebenezer, while already a declining town in 1854 (Baldwin and Thomas), is one of the oldest villages in Georgia and, being on the main route of travel up the Savannah River, was visited by traveling botanists such as William Bartram (Harper, 1958). *Aristida beyrichiana* is known for Effingham County, Georgia (EHCV 571). There was in the early 1800's another village of Ebenezer, Georgia in Morgan County (Baldwin and Thomas), but this location is out of the range of *A. beyrichiana* and is much less likely to have been visited by Beyrich.

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